

NOTICE OF REGULAR MEETING AND PUBLIC HEARING
OF THE
UPPER TRINITY GROUNDWATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

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Monday, February 22, 2021
Public Hearing and Board Meeting begin at 5:00 PM
Regular Meeting begins at conclusion of Public Hearing.

The Board of Directors (Board) of the Upper Trinity Groundwater Conservation District (District) will hold a public hearing on proposed amendments to the District Rules for Water Wells in Hood, Montague, Parker, and Wise Counties (“District Rules”) at the date and time stated above. A summary of the proposed rules amendments is available in a separate notice of the rulemaking hearing available on the District’s website, as is a redline copy of the District Rules with the proposed amendments: www.uppertrinitygcd.com

In order to facilitate social distancing and to slow the spread of COVID-19 (Coronavirus), and in accordance with Section 418.016 of the Texas Government Code and actions taken by the Office of the Governor of Texas on March 16, 2020, suspending various provisions of Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code, this meeting of the Board of Directors (Board) of the Upper Trinity Groundwater Conservation District (District) will be conducted by online videoconference / teleconference.

For this hearing and meeting, some members of the Board may be physically present at the Board’s regular meeting location at the District office in Springtown, Texas. However, members of the public interested in joining the meeting must do so remotely in order to promote social distancing and to slow the spread of COVID-19 (Coronavirus). However, at least a quorum of the Board will attend the hearing either in person or remotely (online) via the Zoom Remote Conferencing Service.

Persons wanting to join the meeting remotely to observe the meeting, hear the communications that occur at the meeting and the public deliberations of the Board, or to comment on a permit application, or any other item on the agenda, may join the hearing at no charge online at the following address: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87568865308>. Members of the public may also access the hearing by telephone at the following number: (346) 248-7799. Use Meeting ID: 875 6886 5308. Long distance charges may apply to persons calling in to the number, depending upon their phone carrier and plan.

Any additional public information concerning the board meeting or agenda items will be posted on the District’s website “Meetings” page prior to or during the board meeting at: <https://uppertrinitygcd.com/meetings/> Persons wanting to comment on an agenda item but otherwise not wishing to join the meeting may email comments to the following address: doug@uppertrinitygcd.com. Additionally, an audiorecording of the meeting will be made, and can be requested after the conclusion of the meeting by sending a written request to the District at P.O. Box 1749, Springtown, Texas, 76082, or by email to: doug@uppertrinitygcd.com.

INTRODUCTORY MATTERS

The Board may discuss, consider, and take appropriate action, including expenditure of funds as necessary or appropriate, on any item listed on this agenda:

1. Welcome guests and members of the public.
2. Roll call, establish a quorum, call Public Hearing and Board Meeting to order; declare the hearing and board meeting open to the public.
3. Public comment.

PUBLIC HEARING

1. Presentation on proposed amendments to District Rules.
2. Receive public comment on proposed amendments to District Rules.
3. Possible action on adopting proposed amendments to District Rules as presented or with amendments based upon comments received from the public, members of the Board of Directors, staff, legal counsel, or consultants
4. Receive any public comments, and the General Manager's report and recommendations regarding the following request(s) for exceptions to the District's water well spacing or minimum tract size requirements:
 - A. **Applicant/Owner:** Town of Annetta – P.O. Box 1150, Aledo, TX 76008
Type of Application: Exception to Minimum Well Spacing Requirements
Location of well or proposed well(s): FM 5, Annetta, TX 76008
Description of Request: The Town of Annetta is seeking an exception to the District's water well spacing requirements under District Rule 4.7, in order to amend the previously approved location to drill and operate one new water well for public water supply. The proposed well location fails to meet the required spacing from the nearest property line (500 ft.) and the minimum spacing from other registered wells (1,750 ft.).
5. Discuss, consider, and possible action by the Board to approve or deny, in whole or in part, the request for exceptions to the District's water well spacing or minimum tract size requirements set forth above in this agenda.
6. Adjourn or continue Public Hearing in whole or in part.

REGULAR BOARD MEETING

1. **Consent Agenda:** Each of these items is recommended by the Staff and approval thereof will be strictly on the basis of the Staff recommendations. Approval of the Consent Agenda authorizes the General Manager or his designee to implement each item in accordance with the Staff recommendations. The consent agenda will be approved as a block. Any Board member that has questions regarding any item on the consent agenda may have the item pulled and considered as a regular item on the agenda. Any items so pulled for separate discussion will be considered as the first items following approval of the consent agenda.
 - A. Approval of minutes from Public Hearing and Regular Board Meeting on January 25, 2021.
 - B. Approval of bank statement ending January 29, 2021, and current financial reports of the District.
 - C. Approval of Investment Report.
 - D. Payment of bills/invoices received through February 22, 2021.
 - E. Reimbursements for expenses incurred on behalf of the District through February 22, 2021.
2. Any items from consent agenda that were pulled for further discussion.
3. Discussion regarding the following requests for an extension to drill approved water wells, take action as necessary:
 - a) Well ID 13353 for Deborah Neff in Wise County.

4. **Management Report on Administrative and Operational Issues:** The General Manager and staff will brief the Board on the following and any other items included in the General Manager's written report, which may be discussed, considered, and acted upon by the Board, including authorizing the initiation of, managing, or resolving enforcement action or litigation where applicable.
 - A. General Manager's report
 - B. Report on delinquent customers of the District and take any necessary action for collection of delinquent fees.
 - C. Report on Education and Outreach activities.
 - D. Report on injection well applications filed with the Railroad Commission
 - E. Well Registration and Groundwater Production reports
5. Review line item expenditures and adopt budget amendment(s) as necessary.
6. General Counsel's Report: The District's legal counsel will brief the Board on pertinent legal issues and developments impacting the District since the last regular Board meeting, and legal counsel's activities on behalf of the District, including without limitation: waste injection; well monitoring activities; District rules enforcement activities; District Rules and District Management Plan development or implementation issues; groundwaterrelated legislative activities; joint planning and desired future conditions development activities; developments in groundwater case law and submission of legal briefs; contractual issues related to the District; open government, policy, personnel, and financial issues of the District; and other legal activities on behalf of the District, take action as necessary.
7. Determine time and place for next meeting.
8. New business to be placed on the next meeting agenda.
9. Adjourn board meeting.

The above agenda schedule represents an estimate of the order for the indicated items and is subject to change at any time. These public meetings and hearings are available to all persons regardless of disability. If you require special assistance to attend the meetings or hearings, please call or (817) 523- 5200 at least 24 hours in advance of the meeting to coordinate any special physical access arrangements.

At any time during a work session, meeting or hearing and in compliance with the Texas Open Meetings Act, Chapter 551, Government Code, Vernon's Texas Codes, Annotated, the Upper Trinity Groundwater Conservation District Board may meet in executive session on any of the above agenda items or other lawful items for consultation concerning attorney-client matters (§551.071); deliberation regarding real property (§551.072); deliberation regarding prospective gift (§551.073); personnel matters (§551.074); and deliberation regarding security devices (§551.076). Any subject discussed in executive session may be subject to action during an open meeting.

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This is to certify that I, Doug Shaw, posted this agenda on the bulletin board of the Administrative Offices of the District at 1859 W. Highway 199, Springtown TX 76082, and also provided this agenda to the County Clerk in Parker County with a request that it be posted at or before 4:00 p.m. on the 19 of February.



Doug Shaw, General Manager